No. 73

## AN ACT

HB 269

Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," providing for the employment of special teachers who speak the idiomatic or colloquial language of immigrants.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 1107, act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," is amended to read:

Section 1107. Special Teachers.—The board of school directors in every school district may employ such special teachers, including special teachers who speak the idiomatic or colloquial language of immigrants residing in the school district, for the purpose of easing the transition period of such immigrants, qualified as herein provided, as they may deem necessary for any of the public schools or departments thereof in the district.

Section 2. Section 1109 of the act, amended October 21, 1965 (P.L.601), is amended to read:

Section 1109. Qualifications.—Every teacher employed to teach in the public schools of this Commonwealth must be a person of good moral character, must be at least eighteen years of age, and must be a citizen of the United States: Provided, That citizenship may be waived in the case of exchange teachers not permanently employed, and teachers employed for the purpose of teaching foreign languages, including special teachers who speak the idiomatic or colloquial language of immigrants residing in the school district, and employed for the purpose of easing the transition period of such immigrants.

Every principal appointed after August thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred fifty-three, employed in the public schools of this Commonwealth, who devotes one-half or more of his time to supervision and administration, shall be properly certificated by the Department of Public Instruction in accordance with such standards as the State Board of Education may establish.

Section 3. Section 1162 of the act, amended May 11, 1949 (P.L.1182), is amended to read:

Section 1162. Joint Employment Including Supervisors or Teachers of Special Subjects.—Two or more school districts may, upon the nomination or joint nomination of the county superintendent, district superintendent or supervising principal under whose supervision such districts may be, join in the employment of a supervisor or teacher of drawing, music, or

other special subject, for part or all of the schools of such districts and may jointly prescribe his duties and fix and pay his compensation, under and subject to the provisions of this article governing the employment and tenure of professional employes. Such employment of teachers of special subjects shall include, for the purpose of easing the transition period of immigrants residing in such school districts, the employment of special teachers who speak the idiomatic or colloquial language of immigrants residing in such school districts.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED-The 19th day of March, A. D. 1970.

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The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 73.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.